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SUBJ: PRESIDENT RATSIRAKA'S MESSAGE OF THANKS TO PRESIDENT FORD

REF: STATE 303452

1. EMBASSY RECEIVED MFA NOTE DATED FEB. 24 CONVEYING MESSAGE OF THANKS DATED JAN. 22 FROM RATSIRAKA TO PRESIDENT FORD FOR LATTER'S CONGRATULATORY MESSAGE ON OCCASION OF RATSIRAKA'S ELECTION (BY NATIONAL REFERENDUM OF DECEMBER 21) AS PRESIDENT OF THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF MADAGASCAR. TO BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, PRESIDENT FORD'S MESSAGE HAS NOT BEEN MENTIONED IN LOCAL PRESS. HOWEVER, NUMEROUS MESSAGES FROM OTHER CHIEFS OF STATE, AS WELL AS RATSIRAKA'S REPLIES BEGAN TO APPEAR IN PRESS IMMEDIATELY AFTER DECEMBER 21 REFERENDUM UNTIL ABOUT END OF JANUARY.

2. EMBASSY'S TRANSLATION OF RATSIRAKA'S MESSAGE FOLLOWS:

A. QTE DEAR MR. PRESIDENT:

B. QTE I APPRECIATE VERY MUCH THE CONGRATULATIONS YOU WERE KIND ENOUGH TO SEND ME ON THE OCCASION OF MY ACCESSION TO THE PRESIDENCY OF THE REPUBLIC. PLEASE ACCEPT MY MOST SINCERE THANKS.

C. QTE I ALSO WISH ON MY PART THAT OUR TWO COUNTRIES WILL WORK FOR THE OBVIOUS INTEREST OF THEIR PEOPLES AS WELL AS FOR THE ATTAINMENT OF LASTING PEACE AND MORE JUST INTERNATIONAL RELATIONS.

D. QTE COMPLIMENTARY CLOSE.

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E. QTE /S/ DIDIER RATSIRAKA UNQTESHEINBAUM

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